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NOTE VERBALE DATED 20 MAY 1994 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by UNPROFOR regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 17-19 May 1994, there appear to have been 4 flights of fixed or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are attached as an annex to this note verbale.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 1,651.

Annex

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(17-19 May 1994)

| Serial No. | Date | Start | End | Remarks | Heading, speed, altitude |
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| 1668 | 17 May | 0530 | 0620 | NATO fighter aircraft gained visual contact on a green helicopter flying 4 kilometres east of Banja Luka. The helicopter flew south-west to the town of Bosanski Petrovac. It continued south until contact was lost 30 kilometres north-east of Knin. The unauthorized flight of this helicopter took place in area controlled by Bosnian Serbs. | South-west then south 1,000 feet 150 knots |
| 1672 | 17 May | 1246 | 1338 | The flight began as an approved MEDEVAC from Banja Luka to Knin and return. The flight became a violation when the helicopter departed Knin without allowing inspection by United Nations personnel. The unauthorized flight of this helicopter took place in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs. | South-west Low Slow |
| 1673 | 17 May | 1800 | 1802 | An UNMO observed a blue-white MI-8 helicopter flying over Tarcin from the west. The unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina. | East Low Slow |
| | | | | [18 May: no violations reported] | |
| 1674 | 19 May | 0700 | 0941 | UNPROFOR personnel observed a camouflaged helicopter with red-cross markings overfly Brcko, landing 4 kilometres north-west of Brcko. The same helicopter was observed when it flew back heading south-east. The unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs. | North-west, south-east Low Slow |